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| Notice of Allowability | Application No. | Applicant(s) |
| | 09/780,755 | O'Rourke et al. |
| | Examiner | Art Unit |
| | Kristie Shingles | 2141 |

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to 9/19/05.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3 and 10-13.
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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4. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 12/8/05.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

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DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Atty. Charles S. Fish on December 7, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

Please cancel claim 14.

Response to Appeal Brief

1. This action is responsive to the Appeal Brief received on 9/19/2005. Claims 2-9 were subject to a restriction election. Applicant elected with traverse Claim 3; hence Claims 1, 3 and 10-14 are pending. Claims 2 and 4-9 were non-elected and are therefore cancelled in view of the allowability of Claims 1, 3 and 10-13.
2. *Claims 1, 3 and 10-13 are allowed.*

Terminal Disclaimer

3. The terminal disclaimer filed on 10/21/2004 disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application, which would extend beyond the expiration date of any patent granted on Application No. 09/780,755 has been reviewed and is accepted. The terminal disclaimer is proper and has been recorded.

Reasons for Allowance

4. The following is the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art or record fails to teach neither singly nor in combination, the claimed limitation of "creating a memory pool having a main pool header, said main pool header having an address referenced in said control block; allocating at least one subpool header having a subpool memory block containing one or more fixed-length connection blocks that are allocated within said subpool memory block, said connection blocks containing particular ones of said client NAT addresses, said subpool header being referenced by said main pool header; wherein each connection block may be either free or allocated, said particular ones of said client NAT addresses remain allocated within said subpool memory until all connection blocks in said subpool memory are free" as stated in Claims 1, 3 and 10-13. Specifically, none of the prior art of record teaches at least one subpool header having a subpool memory block containing one or more fixed-length connection blocks containing particular ones of said client NAT addresses, where the subpool header is referenced by the memory pool's main pool header. This limitation, in conjunction with other limitations in the independent and dependent claims, is not specifically disclosed or remotely suggested in the prior art of record. A review of Claims 1, 3 and 10-13 in

view of the Examiner's remarks above, indicates that Claims 1, 3 and 10-13 are allowable over the prior art of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to the applicant's disclosure: *Smith et al* (USPN 5,860,082), *Tari et al* (USPN 6,765,920), *Meyer* (USPN 6,813,645).

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kristie Shingles whose telephone number is 571-272-3888. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:30-6:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rupal Dharia can be reached on 571-272-3880. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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